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Grading Alternatives



- Develop a contract with the student
 - ♦ “To get an A (B, C, etc.) you must...”
- Personalize goals to demonstrate achievement
 - ♦ “I want the student to know/be able to...”
- Provide grades based on mastery of concepts
- Give students extended time for assignments
- Develop a portfolio to track individual progress
- Lowering weights of tests and assignments

Testing Alternatives

- Simplify test formats for students
 - ♦ Essay vs. fill-in-blank vs. multiple choice, etc.
 - ♦ No word problems for lower levels in math
- Read exams to students and allow oral answers
- Give students extended time for tests
- Allow students to take open book/notes tests
- Scribe for students
- Small group testing

